

Trash Tax on Michigan Residents and Businesses

Increasing business' costs, hurting essential services

Another Hit to Michigan's Businesses and Local Services

Imposing an additional \$7.50 trash tax on each ton of solid waste will simply increase the cost of doing business in Michigan. At a time when we should be looking for ways to bring improve Michigan's business climate, increasing the trash tax will add a new cost to virtually every business in the state. Local governments, hospitals, public safety organizations, and school districts will be hit by a trash tax. All of these groups already are facing budget cuts. The extra burden of a trash tax will force local governments, hospitals and schools to impose other budget cuts, endangering the jobs of police officers, firefighters, nurses, and teachers.

A Typical ...	Annual Tonnage*	Increased ANNUAL Cost
Large industrial business	10,200	\$76,500
Retail store	3,640	\$27,300
Large commercial builder	1,265	\$9,487
Large hospital	13,103	\$98,272
Urban school district	211,520	\$528,800

**Data collected from actual Michigan organizations*

Hitting Families at the Curb ... and Everywhere Else

In the end, Michigan residents will pay the tax through increased prices on goods and services and an additional tax on their household waste. Some businesses will pass the cost along to consumers by increasing the price for their goods and services – raising costs at stores and hospitals.

City	Households	ANNUAL Cost to Area Residents*
City of Detroit	336,000	\$3,360,000
City of Grand Rapids	73,000	\$730,000
City of Lansing	50,000	\$500,000
City of Flint	49,000	\$490,000
City of Livonia	38,000	\$380,000

**Some proponents estimate the actual cost to be \$10 per household.*

Won't Stop Out-of-State Waste

A trash tax will do nothing to stop out-of-state waste (including waste from Canada) from being disposed of in Michigan. Waste haulers have long-term contracts with businesses or municipalities that produce significant waste streams. Some contracts can not be modified to include a trash tax. Waste haulers will still be forced to pay the tax on out-of-state waste however, so the cost will likely get passed onto Michigan's businesses and residents ... again. Michigan residents could actually subsidize out-of state waste!

For More Information

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